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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 l2th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, Applications for Transfer of Control of Hispanic

Broadcasting Corp., and Certain Subsidiaries, Licensees of KGBT AM, Harlingen, Texas et al. (Docket No. MB 02-235, FCC File Nos. BTC-

20020723ABL, et al.)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday I spoke by telephone with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein about the Univision Communications-Hispanic Broadcasting transfer application.

The conversation focused upon the question of whether there are separate Spanish-language and English-language broadcasting markets and whether either ease of entry or some form of conditions would ameliorate the concentrative effect of the acquisition were it approved.

As to the market definition issue, I directed the Commissioner's attention to the record material submitted by Spanish Broadcasting System indicating that on the order of twenty million Hispanics living in the United States are not able, due to issues of language proficiency, to make functional use of English-language broadcasting. With respect to the entry issue, I directed the Commissioner's attention to the review of major market radio conversions from English between January 1, 2000, and March 31, 2003, submitted by Spanish Broadcasting System July 21, 2003. The review demonstrates both very few instances of conversions and, more importantly, the fact that almost all conversions were undertaken by the four largest, financially stable, incumbent Spanish-language radio groups. Thus, entry cannot be expected to ameliorate the harm to competition and diversity from the merger. Finally, I expressed doubt about whether the Commission could design and enforce conditions that would overcome the negative effects of the merger.

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In accordance with the Commission's rules, I am submitting two copies of this

Respectfully submitted,

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